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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am a joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCOMMODATING ATYPICAL CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS IN A MASS CUSTOMIZATION MANUFACTURING FACILITY, the specification of which (check one):

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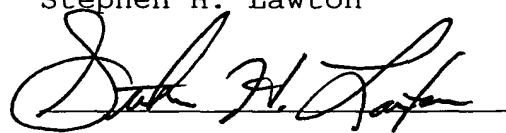
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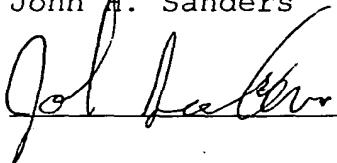
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, one of the undersigned joint inventors, of residence as listed, have invented certain new and useful improvements as below entitled, for which application for United States Letters Patent is made, said application having been executed on the date set forth below; and

WHEREAS, DELL PRODUCTS L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Texas limited partnership, with an address of One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682-2244, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all provisionals, divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to Assignee.

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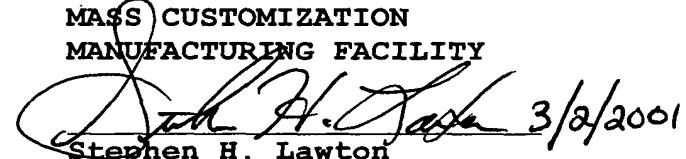
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Title of Invention:

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